



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

1:00 PM

Call to Order. (15-4347)

**President Carlos Benavides called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
followed by a self-introduction of new Commissioner Allan Buck.**

**Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and 2nd Vice
President Wendy Welt Narro joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.**

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal,
2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Treasurer Lourdes
Caracoza, Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner Edward A.
Colley, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve
Miller, Commissioner Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Dee
Pinchbeck, Commissioner Peggie Reyna, Commissioner John B.
Troost and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Absent: Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner Maria
Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of August 19, 2015. (15-4356)

**On motion of 1st Vice President Janet Neal, seconded by Commissioner
John Troost, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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2. Discussion and Approval to hold the 24th Annual Access Awards Luncheon to be held on October 19, 2015 with a Budget not to exceed \$15,000. (15-4346)

During discussion, Commissioner Steve Miller requested for the budget and the generated income from last year's event. Event Chair Janet Neal responded that the Commission gained approximately \$4,000 and added that since it was held on the balcony of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, there were less expenses.

Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner John Troost, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet Neal, and there being no objection, 24th Annual Access Awards Luncheon in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 was approved.

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II. CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Receive and File the monthly METRO Accessibility Report presented by Yvonne Price, Accessibility Programs Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (Continued from the meeting on September 16, 2015) (15-4377)

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued without discussion to the meeting of October 21, 2015.

4. Access Services Incorporated report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator. (15-4358)

Louis Burns provided an overview of their petition to the Federal Docket (FD) regarding rulemaking on Paratransit fare and requested the Commission support to uphold a Access Services' more simplified structure of a dynamic fare system as proposed by Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).

Commissioners Steve Miller, Ed Colley, John James, Allan Buck, Peggie Reyna, 1st Vice President Janet Neal and President Carlos Benavides addressed their concerns on the effects of a fare rate change.

2nd District Deputy Kathleen Austria, addressed the Commission regarding the fare increase and suggested the Commission draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors for support.

Lolita Namocatcat, member of the public, addressed the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ed Colley, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet Neal, there being no objection, the Commission requested President Benavides draft a letter to submit to the Board of Supervisors opposing the proposed fare increase on behalf of the Commission.

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III. PRESENTATIONS

- 5. Presentation by Rebecca Yee, Risk Manager for the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission. (15-4351)**

Mona Vega and Julliette Larin of the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority, provided a PowerPoint presentation on assisted housing programs and services for people with disabilities. They noted there are over 8,000 families still on the waiting list for Section 8 and the wait can take up to 8 years before housing is granted. Priorities include low income families with children, homeless and veterans. There are no special accommodations for applicants with disabilities; however, Commissioner Reyna stated that a Travelers Aid Society can assist with the security deposit, but will not provide move-in assistance nor will they assist with the monthly payment. The Department was requested to report back to the Commission on specific problems that arise within the Section 8 Program that the Commission can assist with.

Ms. Vega and Ms. Larin responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Lolita Namocatcat, member of the public, addressed the Commission.

President Carlos Benavides thanked Ms. Vega and Ms. Larin for their helpful presentation and looked forward to their follow-up report.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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6. Presentation by Operation HOPE on housing and financial literacy for people with disabilities, as submitted by 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro. (Continued from the meeting of September 16, 2015) (15-4081)

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued without discussion to the meeting of October 21, 2015.

IV. REPORTS

7. President Report for September 2015. (15-4376)

President Carlos Benavides reported that stated he had spoken to a few Commissioners regarding working together to identify a need in their Districts. He will continue to reach out to all Commissioners for their participation and support of the work that the Commission is tasked with. President Benavides looks forward to each Commissioner's participation report to address their District concerns within a Standing or proposed Ad-Hoc Committee in October, of which can be accomplished and added to the annual report to the Board of Supervisors.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

8. Staff Report for the month of September 2015. (15-4197)

Staff, Emma De Jesus, provided a brief overview of timeline logistics and of the 24th Annual Access Awards Luncheon.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

9. Receive and File Events/Standing Committee Reports for June 2015:
- Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Troost, Benavides
 - Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
 - Media: Commissioner Neal (Chair)
 - Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Troost
 - Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Neal
 - Recreation/Accessibility: Commissioner Benavides (Chair) (15-4355)

EVENTS

Chair Janet Neal reported the following confirmed their commitments to support the 24th Annual Access Awards Luncheon:

1. **METRO, as Platinum Sponsor**
2. **Glenda Wina, as Mistress of Ceremonies**
3. **Reverend William Yarroll, II, to do the invocation**
4. **Five (5) Honor Guards from the Fire Department**
5. **Total Recall Captioning - as captionist**
6. **William Kidston, as photographer**
7. **Robert Smith, as entertainment and National Anthem singer**
8. **Paradise Printing, as the souvenir program print shop**
9. **Community at large Honorees had been contacted by Event Chair Neal**

There were no reports provided by Education, Media, Transportation and Housing Committees.

RECREATION/ACCESSIBILITY

Chair Carlos Benavides provided an update on his trip to Grovers Beach in Northern California. He added the beach is accessible. Beach access allows parking only a few feet from the ocean and the entrance fee is \$5.00. He will continue to work with Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors to encourage similar access to local beaches.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

10. **Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for September 2015. (15-4359)**

Commissioner Sheila Wright read the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for September, 2015 on behalf of Commissioner John Troost.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

11. **Discussion on possible collaboration with the Los Angeles City Department on Disability. (15-4390)**

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued without discussion to the meeting of October 21, 2015.

12. Commissioner Announcements. (15-4374)

Commissioner Peggie Reyna announced the Peace Over Violence event to be held on October 16, 2015 at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza reported she has noticed the City of Los Angeles is working to remedy potholes within the streets of Los Angeles.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 13.** Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested), placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the authority, of matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-4349)

The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 13A.** Discussion to form a Committee to look at the severity of inadequate care for the Developmentally Disabled community, as recommended by Commissioner Steve Miller at the meeting of September 16, 2015. (15-4472)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for October 21, 2015.

- 13B.** Presentation by the Guide Dogs of America on guide dogs, as submitted by Commissioner John James at the meeting of September 16, 2015. (15-4474)

On motion of Commissioner John James, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for future meeting.

Public Comment

- 14.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-4348)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

15. Adjournment for the meeting of September 16, 2015. (15-3733)

On motion of Commissioner John Troost, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet Neal, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.